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Judge Claudia Wilken

CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

United States District Court

Northern District of California



Re: In re College Athlete NIL Litigation, Case No. 4:20-cv-03919-CW (N.D. Cal.)

Dear Judge Wilken,

My name is Jason Amsler. I am a Senior at Stanford University. I played on the Stanford football team for two seasons, from 2021 – 2022. I am submitting this objection to the “Settlement Football and Men’s Basketball Class” definition in the proposed settlement of the above-referenced litigation, which limits membership only to full Grant-in-Aid (“GIA”) scholarship athletes.

During the two seasons of my football career, Stanford was a member of the PAC-12. Thus, I played in a Power Five conference my entire career at Stanford.

I was offered and accepted a Preferred Walk-On (“PWO”) position at Stanford. As a recruited PWO, I did not have to try out for the team. I was treated the same as any GIA player, except that I did not receive the same financial benefits as a GIA player. I was a full member of the team, subject to the same regulations and expectations as GIA players. I was held to the same athletic and academic standards as all GIA players, including full 12 months-a-year participation in all football practices, lifts, trainings, meetings, and activities.

During each of my two seasons, I was an active roster participant in Fall Camp, a time of year when the roster number is limited per NCAA Bylaw 17.11.3.1.2. I played in multiple games during my career. I traveled to away games during my career.

As a full member of the Stanford football team, I propose that players in my position should be added to the definition of the “Settlement Football and Men’s Basketball Class.” My NIL was used on broadcast television and other media. During my time at Stanford, I was not getting a free education like GIA players, but my NIL was used along with GIA players to promote the football team during broadcasts in the games in which I played and I attended on the sideline as a backup. I believe it is only fair and reasonable that players like myself be eligible for broadcast NIL payments and not be treated differently than GIA players.

It is not fair that athletic scholarship status alone determines that one player’s NIL on the field is worth significant broadcast compensation, whereas the teammate alongside him in the same

game is worth nothing. I request that the definition of the “Settlement Football and Men’s Basketball Class” include all Power 5 athletes who actively participated and contributed to their teams. An easily verifiable measure, such as participation on a roster during Fall Camp would fairly include all athletes who contributed to the broadcast revenue.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Amsler

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